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SUBJECT: M/V MORUKA/H05576 ABANDONED AND ADRIFT

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DTG 221900Z MAY 78 FM COMLANTAREA COGARD NY SENT ACTION COMDT  
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M/V MORUKA/H05576 ABANDONED AND ADRIFT

A. MY 250243Z APR 78

1. M/V DAVAO/GUCW AND M/V BRUNSHAUSEN/DGWB REPORT SIGHTING M/V MORUKA ON 19 MAY 76 IN POSIT 34-35N 48-34W. VSL IS UNLIT, HAZARDOUS TO NAVIGATION AND CONSIDERED TO BE A DERELICT.
2. UNODIR AND OPS PERMITTING INTEND TO DIVERT CADET CRUISE VESSEL'S) TO SINK M/V MORUKA FOR GUNEX.
3. FREQUENT CONTACT WITH OWNER'S SON HAS PRODUCED NO RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR SALVAGE PLAN. DUE PASSAGE OF TIME AND CONTINUING DRIFT AWAY FROM LAND, AND NO RESPONSE OR INQUIRY FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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OWNER: CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT OWNER HAS NO FURTHER INTEREST IN VSL. SINKING WOULD PROMOTE BEST INTERESTS OF SAFETY AT SEA.

4. REQ THAT DEPT OF STATE BE NOTIFIED AND REQUESTED TO INFORM FLAG STATE (PANAMA) OF INTENTION TO SINK M/V MORUKA.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF CONCURRENCE, INTEND TO NOTIFY OWNER VIA REGISTERED MAIL OF INTENTION TO SINK VSL.

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